

While many think of California as large cities and recreational parks, one in 10 jobs are directly related to agriculture. Farmers face the whims of mother nature and uncertainties of the marketplace and ever increasing government regulations. Bob Vice has been a strong advocate of the industry and has spent much of his time away from his family to devote his efforts to the industry that he loves. I am proud to know him as a distinguished agricultural leader, a devoted constituent and a friend. I wish him the best in his future endeavors.

Bob Vice began his service to the agricultural industry when approached to attend a meeting of the California Farm Bureau Federation's Young Farmers and Ranchers Committee. This offer to attend this meeting was made so far in advance that he gave little thought to the time commitment involved. But it was to the agricultural industry's benefit that he chose to do so.

After attending the meeting, Bob Vice became very active in the San Diego County Farm Bureau's young Farm and Ranchers Program and worked on many programs at the county level. His involvement led him to a position on the County Farm Bureau board of directors.

His enthusiasm for work on behalf of the agricultural industry and Farm Bureau was acknowledged by his progression to president of the San Diego County Farm Bureau and thus a delegate to the California Farm Bureau Federation. In 1987, he was honored as the San Diego County Farmer of the Year.

In December 1981, Bob Vice was elected as the first vice president of the California Farm Bureau Federation at their annual meeting in Palm Springs. As an officer and board member of the State organization, he participated in many committee assignments and directed the policy review procedures at the annual meetings.

In 1985–86, he participated as the agricultural point person to deal with the Immigration Reform and Control Act provisions in the national legislation. He continues to be a national spokesperson for agricultural labor issues and has been called upon to testify before Congress numerous times.

In 1989, after serving 7½ years as first vice president, Vice assumed the role of president of the California Farm Bureau Federation and was re-elected four times to that two year position. He served on the American Farm Bureau Federal [AFBF] board of directors from 1989–92. He was reelected to the AFBF board in 1994 and continues to serve in that capacity. He was also named to the six member executive committee of that organization. He has served on many committees including chairman of the AFBF International Trade Advisory Committee. He has participated in agricultural trade delegations to Europe, Israel, Latin America, the Pacific Rim, South Africa and Australia.

Bob Vice has not only been active within Farm Bureau but as a leader for all of agriculture. Shortly after assuming the presidency, he became the chairman of an agricultural coalition to successfully fight the ill-conceived "Big Green" initiative. His efforts further elevated him as a leader on the national agriculture scene.

Bob Vice has been a visionary on behalf of the agriculture industry by his long range out-

look on issues affecting the industry. He is especially aware of the need to balance the use of water between competing interests within California and was one of the original participants on the California Bay Delta Oversight Committee established by Governor Pete Wilson. He was a major participant in the effort to pass Proposition 204, the water bond issue in 1996.

His willingness to participate in issues affecting agriculture has propelled the California Farm Bureau to new heights in political awareness and has made the organization a well respected force in Sacramento and Washington, DC. This respect is not only acknowledged by elected officials but also by his peers throughout the industry.

He was appointed to the 22d Agricultural District Fair Board (Del Mar) in 1984 by Governor George Deukmejian and has been re-appointed twice by Gov. Pete Wilson. He is a member of the Advisory Council on Small Business and Agriculture of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco.

In addition to his many agricultural activities, Bob Vice and his wife Carilyn are very active in their church and community. He continues to farm avocados in Fallbrook, San Diego County.

#### MORE ON THE IRS AND THE TAX CODE

(Mr. SMITH of Michigan asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to talk about the IRS, our Tax Code, where we go from here, and some of the abuses. In my Somerset congressional church in Somerset, MI, a member gave me his dun notice from the IRS and I would like to share it with my colleagues and, Mr. Speaker, with the American people.

It says, "According to our records, you owe \$49 on your income tax. Please pay the full amount, et cetera, by this date. If you have not paid, mail your check or money order. Tax withheld, zero; estimated tax payments, \$6,347; total payments or credits, \$7,379.83; total tax on return, \$7,380." That is all complicated.

Here is the line that makes the difference. "Your underpaid tax, 17 cents. You owe a penalty of \$49.35."

The postage stamp to send out this dun notice is more than the 17 cents that IRS said he owed on his taxes. I think it is another example of why we have to reform the IRS and get rid of it as we know it.

Mr. Speaker, I include for the RECORD the following:

#### REQUEST FOR TAX PAYMENT

According to our records, you owe \$49.35 on your income tax. Please pay the full amount by Sep. 15, 1997. If you've already paid your tax in full or arranged for an installment agreement, please disregard this notice.

If you haven't paid, mail your check or money order and tear-off stub from the last page of this notice. Make your check payable to Internal Revenue Service and write your Social Security number on it. If you can't pay in full, please call us to discuss payment.

#### Tax Statement

Payments and credits:	
Tax withheld .....	\$0.00
Estimated tax payments .....	6,347.83
Other credits .....	.00
Other payments .....	1,032.00
Total payments and credits ...	7,379.83

Tax:	
Total tax on return .....	7,380.00
Less:	
Total payments and credits .....	7,379.83
Underpaid tax .....	.17
Penalty .....	20.64
Interest .....	28.54
Amount you owe .....	49.35

#### SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 1997, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Virginia [Mr. SCOTT] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. SCOTT addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. SAXTON] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. SAXTON addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Tennessee [Mr. FORD] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. FORD addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from the District of Columbia [Ms. NORTON] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Ms. NORTON addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. SMITH] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. SMITH addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

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#### BIPARTISAN CAMPAIGN INTEGRITY ACT OF 1997

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CALAHAN). Under a previous order of the